

EUROPEAN NEWS

Chernobyl forces Moscow to rethink N-programme

BY OUR MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR SOVIET atomic energy officials said yesterday that the Chernobyl disaster had damaged their nuclear power programme badly and was forcing them to rethink the location, output and safety features of nuclear reactors.

MR VLADIMIR SUSHKOV, a former deputy Foreign Trade Minister who frequently met Western businessmen, has been arrested for customs violations, writes our Moscow Correspondent.

Unsubstantiated reports were also being spread that he had been involved in an attempt to smuggle Japanese electronic goods through customs at Moscow's Sheremetyev Airport.

The automatic shut-down system for the reactor was switched off so the experiment could be repeated if necessary. The system detecting steam and water pressure was switched off. The emergency cooling system had been switched off at 2 pm on April 23, but the reactor was kept running.

Inflation rate leaps in Spain

By David White in Madrid

SPAIN'S Socialist Government has received a serious blow to its economic plans from the latest consumer price figures, which indicate that inflation may be bucking the downward trend seen in other western countries.

East bloc amplifies on-site inspection offer

BY SARA WEBB IN STOCKHOLM

A SOVIET ally yesterday told the European Disarmament Conference here that the military exercises which Moscow agreed earlier this week could be inspected by foreign observers should they be subject to a higher threshold than those exercises merely notified internationally.

higher than the notification threshold, possibly 20,000 and not more than 40,000. A US spokesman said yesterday that if this was an indication that the East was prepared to lower the notification threshold, the observation threshold could be a positive move.

Company Notices

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Test ban has economic cost, says Moscow

BY DAVID BUCHAN

THE SOVIET decision to delay nuclear tests for a further six months to prompt the US into signing a reciprocal test ban carries economic as well as military costs for the Soviet Union, a senior Soviet official said yesterday.

Soviet Union has also hollowed out gas and oil storage chambers with nuclear devices. Mr Mikhail Gorbachev spoke only of the military costs, which he said were outweighed by the moratorium's diplomatic gains.

France to cut TV licence fee

BY DAVID MARSH IN PARIS

THE FRENCH Government is planning a 6.5 per cent cut in the television licence fee for next year in a move linked to the forthcoming privatisation of the country's oldest and largest state TV network, TF-1.

week after a gruelling passage through both the National Assembly during the summer. However, it still has to be approved by France's supreme legal body, the Constitutional Council, before it can enter the statute books.

Rupert Cornwell assesses the West German opposition party which holds its congress next week

SPD at odds as poll campaign nears

MORE THAN 600 motions have been submitted for the congress in Nuremberg, the least notable as proof of enthusiasm at the grassroots than as a sign of the confusion which grips the SPD, just five months before the country elects a new federal Parliament in Bonn.

Uganda rebels repulsed in attack on garrison

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

A UGANDA army garrison in the strategic northern town of Gulu successfully repulsed a rebel attack on Monday night, the first of its kind since President Yoweri Museveni's army captured the town's National Resistance Army (NRA) won power in January.

S. Africa security forces accused of harassing opponents

BY JIM JONES IN JOHANNESBURG

ANTI-APARTHEID groups yesterday took advantage of a suspension of press restrictions in public claims that government security forces had taken part in a campaign of harassment and mass arrests of suspected opponents.

Polish trade performance disappoints

By Leslie Collett in Warsaw

POLAND IS unlikely to achieve the 5 per cent current surplus which it needs urgently to help service the mounting debt of \$31.3bn.

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Personal OLD FRIENDS DOES LIVE BEGIN AT 40! MARRIAGE, FRIENDSHIP or COMPANIONSHIP... Anne Brent 18a Highbury New Park, NS DPE Tel: 01-226 5432

Mr Rau: reluctant The Social Democrats can win with or without the support of the Greens. The problems lie both inside and outside the party. Every survey suggests that whatever the shortcomings of Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his centre-right coalition, West Germany is of relative peace with itself.

but overall production advanced to 2,727m vehicles. West German motorists have resumed buying new cars after a period of uncertainty over government plans for exhaust control measures.

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UK NEWS

Lonrho takes control of Shah's Today

BY DAVID THOMAS

MR EDDIE SHAH, chairman of Today, has said that he has surrendered overall control of the troubled daily newspaper to Lonrho...

INDICATIONS THAT LONG RUNDOWN MAY BE NEAR TO END

Industry's stock levels hit 12-year low

BY GEORGE GRAHAM

MANUFACTURERS have run their stock levels down to the lowest level since 1974 but the process of destocking now appears to have slowed almost to a halt.

The slowdown will encourage the Government in its belief that some of the factors leading to sustained destocking may now be wearing thin.

The main influences which cause companies to vary their levels of stock are their expectations of output, prices and interest rates, according to the Treasury.

ILG parts with brokers

BY LISA WOOD

INTERNATIONAL Leisure Group (ILG), the package holiday and hotel business, has severed its relationship of less than two years duration with Scrimgeour Vickers, the London-based stockbrokers.

Manufacturers' capital spending dips after first-quarter surge

BY GEORGE GRAHAM

CAPITAL SPENDING by manufacturing industry fell back by 5 per cent in the second quarter after the surge in the early months of the year as companies hurried to invest before capital allowances were phased out under a Treasury ruling.

TSB cuts flotation underwriting costs

BY DAVID LASCELLES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE TRUSTEE Savings Bank (TSB) has arranged special terms for its flotation which it expects will save it several million pounds in underwriting costs.

MGN to print China Daily in London

BY DAVID LASCELLES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CHINA DAILY, the only English language newspaper in China, is to be published and printed in London by Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN). The pages will be transmitted to London by satellite (telex) and printed on the same day as production in China.

Tory Party drops legal action against magazine editor

BY MICHAEL CASSELL, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE CONSERVATIVE Party yesterday agreed to drop all legal action against Mr Harry Phibbs, editor of the Tory student magazine that published an article accusing the Earl of Stockton - the former Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan - of "war crimes".

Manufacturers' capital spending dips after first-quarter surge

Spending by the construction, distribution and financial industries fell to £3bn in the second quarter from £3.14bn in the first, but was 6 per cent higher than the £2.83bn recorded in the second quarter of 1985.

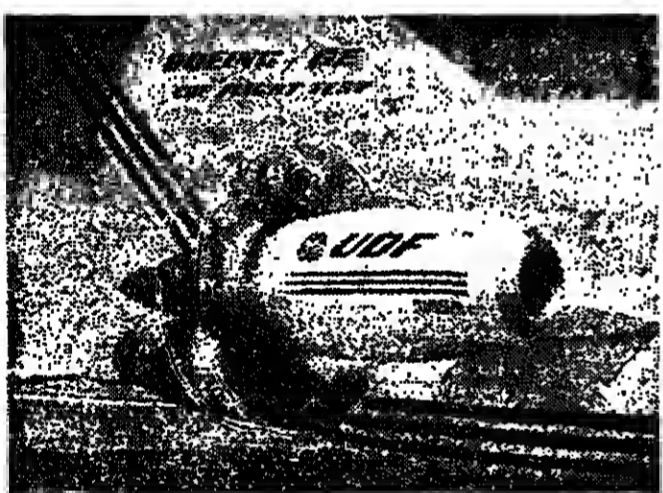
WORLD TRADE NEWS

Gatt members see little hope of Soviet role in talks

BY CHRISTIAN TYLER, TRADE EDITOR

A LAST-MINUTE request by the Soviet Union to be allowed to take part in forthcoming world trade negotiations even though it is not a member of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) has little chance of being granted, according to officials reacting yesterday.

In a letter last week to Mr Arthur Dunkel, director general of the Gatt, the Soviet mission in Geneva asked to be allowed onto the fringes of the negotiation to learn how Gatt worked before deciding whether to apply for membership.



US prop-fan aircraft makes maiden flight

BY MICHAEL DONNE, AEROSPACE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW type of aero-engine, the prop-fan, which is expected to revolutionise the world air transport industry in the 1990s, made its maiden flight yesterday in a Boeing 737 flying test-bed (above) in California.

New rules upset credit card companies

By Hilary Barnes in Copenhagen

THE international credit card companies fear that their position in the Danish and Norwegian markets is threatened by the actions of the regulatory authorities.

Michael Strutt reviews the fruits of the French company's restructuring

BY CHRISTIAN TYLER, TRADE EDITOR

THE BICYCLE division of Peugeot, the French car manufacturer, is stepping up its drive to boost exports following a major restructuring of the division aimed at boosting profits from bicycle sales.

Cycles Peugeot gears up the world

BY CHRISTIAN TYLER, TRADE EDITOR

Peugeot design the eight-gear Force Eight lightweight model to attract riders in the leisure sector.

Japan and S. Korea hit by fall in shipbuilding orders

BY ANDREW FISHER, SHIPPING CORRESPONDENT

WORLD shipbuilding orders slid further in the second quarter of this year, with both Japan and South Korea showing sizeable declines in the volume of work in their yards.

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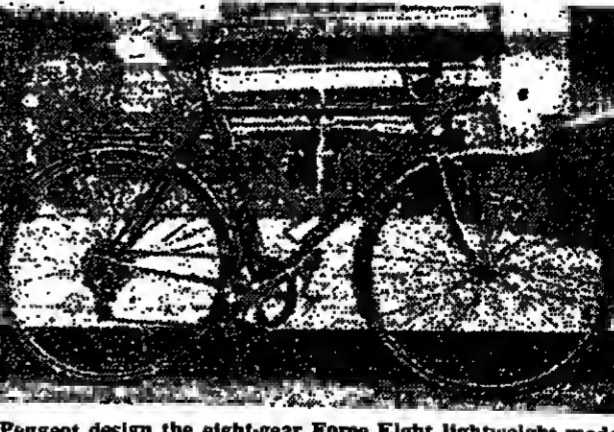
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Cinema/Nigel Andrews

Celebrating Edinburgh, forty years on

Edinburgh Film Festival... Target, directed by Arthur Penn

The Edinburgh Film Festival celebrates its 40th birthday this year and there are no signs that it is getting too old to blow out all its candles.

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Too bad if they do not: there is no other platform for self-promotion. No black-tie banquets, no Golden Globes for best film.



Clara Calamai and Massimo Girotti in Ossessione

Clara Calamai and Massimo Girotti are now getting a special spotlight. As for the West, a special spotlight was shone on the work of Bernard Vorhaus.

are handled by Fate on to a speeding express run by a deranged driver. (He is to murder his co-driver who he believes has cuckolded him.)

off from the outside world by the conspiracy of remote location and parental puritanism. Finally succumb to incest. All hell then breaks loose: but not suddenly rather with slow-burn horror that finally craps into tragedy.

European festivals: Tarkovsky's The Sacrifice, Beineke's Betty Blue, Eugene Corr's Desert Bloom and other hits of 1986.

In London the week's main event is Ossessione. Lucino Visconti's first film (1943), adapting James M Cain's novel The Postman Always Rings Twice to the Po Valley, is now revived in a glowing new print.

Target, alas, is the picture of a fallen film-maker. Arthur Penn directed this disarming nonsense about a father and son (Gene Hackman and Matt Dillon) who rediscover their lover for each other when his chase kidnapper Mum (Gayle Hunnicutt) all over France.

Dutch dance theme at Reggio Emilia festival

In the rash of summer festivals throughout Italy, the Teatro Municipale-Valli at Reggio Emilia commands immediate respect by holding all the performances inside theatres.

recently as 1972, when the work was made, to see a ballerina perform in high-heeled shoes was a rare occurrence, whereas now Forsythe, Armitage and others have turned it into a cliché.

costume. Glen Tetley's Mythical Hunters, one of his best ballets, is a mainstay of the Aterballetto repertoire; a largely new cast did it full justice. The last work, a new one by the company's director, Amedeo Amadio, was an embarrassment, more striking for its large assortment of black and white costumes by Lea Scabarotto than for the movements.

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graph by Nils Christie that had been presented at the Holland Festival a few evenings earlier. They brought with them Christian Bor, violin, and Håkan Austbø, piano.

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Eugene Onegin/King's Theatre

Andrew Clements

The company that goes some way to justifying the internationalism of Edinburgh this year as far as opera is concerned has taken over the King's Theatre for a brief season. The Maly Theatre of Leningrad is the city's second opera; I would guess that it stands in relation to the Kirov much as English National Opera does to Covent Garden, a repertory house that does not import star names but pieces of its home-grown resources as carefully as possible.

It must be terribly hard for a company to find itself transplanted to a strange theatre, with an unfamiliar stage crew and a minimum of rehearsal, and still to expect to reproduce its productions faithfully. Several times during Wednesday's Onegin things fell apart; though the performance always found its feet again, the singers must have been continually unsettled. For that reason allowances ought to be made for some of the rough edges, the patches of unsteady ensemble

in the orchestra and inaccurate intonation from the stage. It cannot excuse everything, however, and the Maly did not ever suggest that it was a company of genuine international standard, or reveal why the Edinburgh Festival thought it appropriate to extend an invitation to it.

Some of the singing passes muster; the women's roles in particular are cast from solid strength and two parts—Irina Bogachova's nurse and Nina Romanova's Olga—are taken by artists of well-grooved stage craft and richly expressive voices. But the Onegin of Nicolay Koplov is wooden and one-dimensional, and the Lensky (L. F. Ostrovsky) highly unreliable in pitch. L. Y. Kazarnovskaya is a powerful and smooth-toned Tatyana, but she suggests little of the character's vulnerability and romanticism, so that the letter scene generates plenty of sound but very little sympathetic passion. The appearance of Vladimir Orlov as Gremin in the third act provides a much-needed oasis of focused dark tone for the singers, used with dramatic effectiveness.

of the words in a theatrical sense. The production is evidently a recent one, quite radical by Soviet standards. It looks well enough; a confection of gauzes and drapes which recalls some of ENO's Slavonic productions. But the characters walk through the settings with little concern for creating believable drama; their gestures are straight out of the 19th century. Lensky declares his love in Act 1, does not kneel while clasp his hand to his heart; Onegin walks through the opening of the third act like a character out of a Hammer horror movie. Opera as drama is clearly quite a foreign concept to these singers.

A first-rate musical performance might have retrieved the show. But as I've suggested, the singing is uneven and Valentin Kobzin conducts a low-voltage account of the score. The tribulations of the stage mishaps must have fallen upon him more than most, but he failed to galvanise his players with any consistency and the climactic points of each act were allowed to pass by. An unsatisfactory introduction then to the visitors, and one hopes for better things when they have had more chance to get used to their temporary home.

Dickinson Concerto/Albert Hall

Andrew Porter

Peter Dickinson's Piano Concerto, first played at the 1984 Cheltenham Festival, came to the Proms on Wednesday. The piece is a large-scale exposition of Dickinson's concerns with transformation, juxtaposition, the mutual rub of different kinds of music in random coincidence. (They go back to his encounters with the composer Cage 30 years ago.) His Organ Concerto is built on a blues setting of Byron's "So we'll go no more a-oving". His Surrealist Landscape—broadcast by Radio 3 on the eve of the Proms, in a prelude programme—is built on a song to a Berners poem. That programme also included a Concerto Rag, a piano solo that provides the germ of the Piano Concerto.

sounds in the sixth of the seven main sections. It enters with quite startling effect: the soloist and the orchestra make almost protesting commentary. In fact, heard, slowed to a dirge, intoned by the horns in the slow theme-and-variations movement that forms the second section. In the finale, the theme is pounded out by the soloist very slowly in a rather dull acedily of far-fung triads. Other elements are the big declamatory gesture that opens the work, a toccata theme and a blues in various manifestations. The concerto is lucidly, intelligently and thoroughly made, carefully composed and carefully scored, ingenious in its workings. Effects analogous to the random alignments in earlier Dickinson works have here been

cleverly contained within bar lines. One hears layer upon layer with apparent freedom and spontaneity. There is a counterpoint of mutes and manners. But the impression is of a composer exploring ways of saying, rather than of one with something urgent and inspiring to say. The Shelley (to whom the piece is dedicated), the orchestra the BBC Symphony, conducted by David Atherton, as in the EMT recording of the concerto. Mr Shelley's projection is clear, sometimes moribund-like piano filigree was limp and even. The concert was well attended. It began with Filar's Introduction and Allegro for Strings, in an incisive but rather choppy and edgy performance, and after the concerto, there was Rakhmaninov's First Symphony.

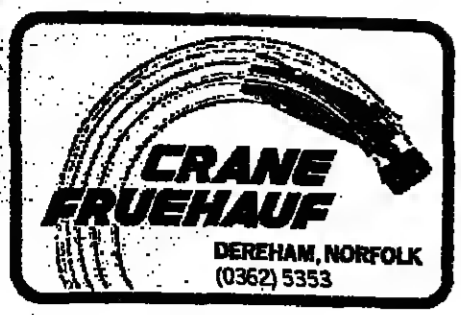
Book review/David Murray

Hans Keller's memorial

The Great Haydn Quartets by Hans Keller. Dent £16.95, 266 pages. Tchaikovsky: the years of wandering, 1878-1885 by David Brown. Gollancz £25.00, 336 pages. Clara Schumann: the artist and the woman, by Nancy B. Reibel. Gollancz £19.95, 246 pages. First Night Fever: Memoirs by Hermann Frey, with Robert D. Abraham, John Calder. £16.95, 288 pages. Dearest Babushkin, selected diaries and letters of Vera and Igor Stravinsky, edited by Robert Craft, Thomas & Hudson. £25.00, 239 pages (183 illustrations).

affection, exasperation and awe. It is a pungent, provocative critic and commentator, and his knowledge of the Western repertoire (especially the Austro-German part) was vast and deep, no less in terms of practical performance than of musicalology theory. You could dare to disagree with Keller only very seriously; for what he did, there was no higher compliment. He published a querulous autobiography, but The Great Haydn Quartets is a far better memorial. When it goes out of print, string players and Haydnites will treasure their copies for decades longer (and lend them out reluctantly). It isn't in any ordinary sense an introduction, but a closely detailed lover's handbook for playing all the Haydn quartets Keller took seriously. Apart from pragmatic advice about things like fingering, the reference is to every claim and proposal is tied to stringent (and stringent) analysis with wider implications. There are articulate insights on every page. You need only basic knowledge of the repertoire or recordings or better still the scores.

dead husband's authoritative opinion. The result is that she must be seen as the one on hand in her voluminous domestic correspondence, and on the other through records of her public engagements. About many things—the struggle between her Barrett-like father and her mother, her marriage, her absence from Schumann's side during his last dangerous years, her relations with her children (inclined to die pre-emptively), her husband's doggedly faithful Brahms-Reich marshals the evidence admirably and hazards sensible guesses. There is any amount of good feminist thought, it is a splendid read, and a model study. The autobiography of the contemporary performer Hermann Frey, written with the assistance of an experienced writer on music and a psychologist (I'm the same), is chatty and unfocused — disarmingly frank about some details, but essentially a public-person picture. There was no reason to suppose that Frey's intuitive acumen as a conductor would translate into prose, and it doesn't: least of all in his well-worn discussions of Widor's and Beethoven's Andante for Cello. You could buy three marvellous Frey records for the price of this book, and you'd miss only some Keller-man discussion of the singer's profession, some cross comments about modern music and some affecting reminiscence of Fritz Wunderlich the operaic partner in a tragic loss). The British edition unforgivably calls him "Herman". Muzikist mirandao, Ronald Taylor's Franz Liszt: The man and the music stands not much higher. The range of research material is colossal—not only did almost everybody who met or heard Liszt commit his impressions to paper, but there are more than 6,000 extant Liszt letters—but the field has already been strenuously tilted. Taylor's aim is apparently to "place" the Liszt phenomenon in European cultural history; unfortunately his musical perceptions are middle brow-safe, and nothing in his gossipy evocations of Liszt's hyper-coloured history is well anchored to any serious understanding of Liszt-the-musician. Robert Craft's opportunistic coffee-table book Dearest Babushkin—Vera Stravinsky's diaries and letters, mostly (Igor had ordered her to destroy his letters to her just before the last great war)—is far more fun. Long before she married Igor, Vera kept brilliant artistic company; the parade of names is irresistible, the haul of photographs too (though there are too many press photos of Igor looking intense beside a piano), and Craft's knowing footnotes are delectably indiscreet about his this and crises that await solemn recording still. For us Minutver Cheysy wish we'd been born 50 years ago, it is heartbreaking stuff.



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Y.K. Pao quits as bank adviser

By Our Financial Staff

SIR YUE-KONG PAO, the Hong Kong shipping magnate who was this week invited to become deputy chairman of Standard Chartered Bank in the UK, has resigned as an adviser to the board of the rival Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Group.

Hongkong Bank said, however, that it and Sir YK's World-Wide Group would remain partners in a number of shipping ventures and that he would remain a personal adviser on shipping to Sir Michael Sandberg, chairman of the bank.

Last month Sir YK acquired 14.9 per cent of Standard Chartered as part of moves which thwarted a takeover attempt by Lloyds Bank of the UK. He is a former deputy chairman of Hongkong Bank and also has extensive interests in property.

Standard Chartered and Hongkong Bank are the British administered territory's two note-issuing banks, and each advises the Government on monetary affairs.

Liberty Life, the South African life assurance group which has been expanding its UK presence, boosted net earnings 94.6 per cent to \$23.6m (\$13.7m) in the half year to June.

Net premium income was 27.4 per cent ahead at \$430.2m while investment and other income showed slightly better growth at \$217.9m, up 30 per cent. The interim dividend is being lifted from 125 cents to 150 cents.

Dresser Industries, the US oil services group, is to reduce short-term and long-term debt and purchase up to 15 per cent of its outstanding common stock on the open market in the next 12 to 15 months.

Dresser said its total capitalisation consisted of about 25 per cent debt and 75 per cent equity. Its recapitalisation plan would maintain about the same debt-to-equity ratio by reducing debt and purchasing some of its common stock.

Avon Products said it would sell a new line of imported perfume in US department stores next year, marking the first departure from its 100-year-old door-to-door selling policy.

Its Parfums Phenix subsidiary will offer its Deneuve line of fragrances to a group of retailers across the country with the aim of reaching 200 to 300 stores by next spring.

FOOD AND DETERGENT MULTINATIONAL PURSUES TAKEOVER PLAN

Unilever claims 40% of Naarden

BY LAURA RAUN IN NAARDEN

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch food and detergents group, said yesterday that it held more than 40 per cent of the shares of Naarden International, the Dutch flavours and fragrances company with which it is discussing a full takeover.

At the same time yesterday, Naarden shareholders including Unilever, voted in an extraordinary meeting to give company management the right to invoke anti-takeover measures if the Unilever discussions failed. Unilever apparently cast all its 1.45m votes in favour of the protective measures, which would be triggered if a competing bid were made.

The meeting was previously scheduled to consider proposed "shark repellent" measures, and an

other extraordinary meeting will be held - probably in October - on the likely bid by Unilever.

Most of the 178 shareholders present yesterday, representing nearly a third of all common shares outstanding, heartily welcomed the possible bid, calling it "brilliant." Institutional investors are also expected to accept Unilever's contemplated public bid of £1 90 a share.

"Our whole aim is to have a stronger company," explained Mr J. P. Guepin, chairman of Naarden's board of management. "We don't want one plus one to equal two but to equal three."

Mr A. G. van den Bos, chairman of the supervisory board, told journalists after the orderly one-and-a-quarter-hour meeting that he had

no quarrel with Unilever's lightning move into the open market to buy Naarden stock immediately after announcing its possible public bid. Unilever cannot buy more than 50 per cent of Naarden shares on the open market under Dutch law, but the rest of the shareholders appear willing to sell.

The "shark repellent" measures - issuance of share certificates and preference shares - can still be invoked if the Unilever negotiations fail or if an unwanted competing bid is made. Share certificates, which have no voting rights and are administered by a trust company, are a widely used protective technique in the Netherlands.

The relatively rare acquisition of Dutch companies is explained by

the frequency of share certificates plus the independent-mindedness of Dutch companies and their wide geographical spread.

One possible hitch is a question over Unilever's registration of its 1.45m shares purchased on Monday in order to qualify for voting rights in yesterday's meeting. But Naarden management assured shareholders that Unilever's stock was officially registered and besides little resistance to a possible takeover is expected.

Mr van den Bos angrily denied that any insider trading had occurred, noting that he was first approached by Unilever on June 9 and that the Amsterdam stock exchange had found no violations.

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Toys R Us raises quarterly earnings

By Terry Byland in New York

TOYS R US, the leading US toy specialist retailer, saw earnings score a welcome increase in the second quarter, but this still leaves the group showing a minor drop in profits for the first half of the year. Mr Charles Lazarus, chairman, is optimistic that we are well positioned to generate increased sales and profits in the second half.

Net profits gained 11 per cent to \$12.1m for the quarter on sales 21 per cent ahead at \$426m. But an increase in shares in issue holds per share earnings to 10 cents, only 1 cent higher than last time.

Earnings dipped by 2.5 per cent to \$23.4m for the first six months, with net profits per share 18 cents against 19 cents. After the improved sales rate of the second quarter, first-half sales are 17 per cent up at \$794m.

In the stock market, Toys' shares edged up by \$4 to \$33 as investors responded cautiously to the earnings news. After a weak first quarter, Wall Street is pinning its faith on a strong recovery in the final six months of fiscal 1986.

BET lifts bids for Brengreen and HAT

BY LIONEL BARBER IN LONDON

BET, the diversified UK industrial services group juggling with two takeover bids in the cleaning and scaffolding sector, yesterday raised its offers for Brengreen and the HAT group to a combined value of £146m (\$204.4m) and declared them final.

The new BET offers follow a snap agreement with Mr Michael Ashcroft, chairman of Hawley Group, the contract cleaning business, late on Wednesday night, to acquire Hawley's strategic stakes in Brengreen and HAT.

The new HAT offer, worth £114.6m, is a 19.3 per cent increase on its original terms announced last month and is contested. The revised Brengreen offer is only marginally above the agreed bid unveiled at the same time.

Over the past three weeks, Hawley steadily built up a stake of 28 per cent in Brengreen and 8.6 per cent in HAT. Mr Ashcroft appeared to be engaged in a spoiling operation.

Last night, Mr David Telling,

chairman of HAT, rejecting the revised BET offer, suggested that BET might have struck a side deal with Hawley with a view to breaking up HAT's paints, scaffolding and cleaning business.

Mr Nicholas Wills, BET's chief executive, said the suggestion was disgraceful. Baring Brothers and N. M. Rothschild, BET's advisers, both denied the allegations.

BET's revised share offer for HAT includes a cash alternative of 135p. It is offering 73 new shares for every 200 in HAT. On the basis of last night's closing price for BET, unchanged at 400p, the bid values HAT, up 2p to 139p, at 149p a share.

BET's revised offer for Brengreen includes a one-for-nine share offer and a cash alternative of 50p a share, the price at which Hawley sold. Brengreen firmed by 3p to close at 49p, just below the value of its share offer. On last night's closing price the bid values Brengreen at 50.3p or about £32m.

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PPG buys medical electronics groups in diversification move

BY OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

PPG INDUSTRIES of Pittsburgh yesterday announced the \$100m purchase of two medical electronics companies in its first diversification from its traditional glass, coatings and chemicals businesses.

The group, the profits growth of which has been sluggish in the past year, has signed agreements to buy Honeywell's medical electronics unit and Litton Industries' Hellige medical electronics business in cash and notes.

The Honeywell unit, based in Pleasantville, New York State, produces instrumentation for hospital cardiac catheterisation laboratories and disposable products. Litton's

medical unit makes patient monitoring equipment and other instruments at Freiburg, West Germany, and has sales and service subsidiaries throughout Europe.

The agreements are subject to certain corporate and government approvals, including that of the West German cartel office. Definitive terms of the proposed deals were not disclosed.

Mr Vincent Sarni, PPG's chairman, said the company's plan to enter the high-technology medical business represented a big shift away from its traditional activities. The aim was to ensure future growth and profits since the compe-

ny's automotive and residential units, representing more than half its business, were growing slowly.

The profit margins in the medical units were also higher than in PPG's existing businesses and the purchases would not dilute earnings. The company is considering further high-technology acquisitions.

PPG, the world's largest producer of flat glass, had net income of \$303m last year - the same as in 1984 - on sales of \$4.3bn. It hopes the medical acquisitions will, as a fourth business unit, represent 10 to 20 per cent of its revenues by the end of the decade.

Cullinet losses total \$10.6m in quarter

By Louise Kehoe in San Francisco

CULLINET Software, the US mainframe computer programs supplier, reported losses and reduced sales for the quarter ending July 31, blaming its problems on a general softness in the US computer market.

Losses for the quarter totalled \$10.6m, or 35 cents a share, compared with net income of \$4.2m, or 14 cents, in the same period last year. Revenues declined to \$31.8m.

The quarterly loss includes a charge of \$7m attributed to the write-off of the assets of Computer Pictures which was acquired by Cullinet in 1982. The company said that Computer Pictures' technology had made a "negligible" contribution to its product strategy.

Continued softness in the mainframe computer market, reductions in capital spending and general economic uncertainty affected Cullinet sales, the company said.

KDI to cede board control

By Our Financial Staff

KDI Corporation, a Cincinnati maker of electronics and defence components, yesterday agreed to cede board control to Impala Pacific, a Hong Kong-based investment vehicle for Mr Bruce Judge's Arjane Australia.

An outline agreement between KDI and Impala came three-and-a-half weeks after the predator gave notice of its intention to secure board dominance and stepped up its share buying to reach a current level of about 42 per cent.

Panhandle Eastern to spin off petroleum unit

BY WILLIAM HALL IN NEW YORK

PANHANDLE Eastern, the US natural gas pipeline group which rebuffed an unwelcome takeover bid earlier this year, is to split itself in two by spinning off its Anadarko Petroleum unit to its shareholders.

The spin-off will be accomplished by distributing all of the common stock of Anadarko, which has assets of \$1.3bn, on the basis of one Anadarko share for each Panhandle share. Panhandle has about 51.5m shares outstanding.

Mr Robert Hunsucker, Panhandle's chief executive, said: "Separating the natural gas transmission business from the oil and gas business should enable stockholders to realise more fully the value inherent in each business."

Although there had been some speculation that Panhandle would maintain its quarterly dividend after the spin-off, the company said it was recommending that the dividend be reduced from 57.5 cents a share to 50 cents. Meanwhile, Anadarko said it would pay an initial quarterly dividend of 7 1/2 cents a share.

Panhandle's decision to spin off its lucrative oil and gas operation had been widely predicted and follows the recent abortive \$50 a share takeover bid for Panhandle by Wagner & Brown, a private Texas oil group. Following the spin-off, Panhandle will have assets of \$3.1bn and will concentrate on its gas transmission business.

Hiram Walker given merger go-ahead

BY ROBERT GIBBENS IN MONTREAL

HIRAM WALKER Resources and Gulf Canada, both majority controlled by the Reichmann family of Toronto, have received Ontario Supreme Court permission to go ahead with a corporate merger.

Hiram Walker, an energy and distilling group, has committed itself to continuing as a corporate entity. This will not affect the unresolved issue of whether Allied-Lyons, the UK food and drinks group, has the right to buy Hiram Walker's liquor business for C\$2.0bn (US\$2bn).

The issue is subject to litigation by both Allied-Lyons and the Reichmanns through their Olympia and York Developments holding company.

Hiram Walker will call a shareholders' meeting in Toronto on September 18 to vote on the merger plan and will seek the Ontario Supreme Court's final approval on September 18.

In effect, the Reichmanns are saying none of the shares or assets

of Hiram Walker's liquor business will be affected by the merger plan. But Allied-Lyons' lawyers have indicated they will object to the plan at the September 18 meeting.

Under the proposal, Gulf and Hiram Walker would be put into a new Gulf Canada holding company with Hiram Walker shareholders exchanging their shares on the basis of one Hiram Walker for 2.6 new Gulf Canada shares. Alternatively they can take C\$38 a share in cash.

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INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES and FINANCE

First-half sales and profits setback for Mannesmann

By Rupert Cornwell in Bonn

MANNESMANN, the leading West German steel pipes and engineering group, yesterday reported that first-half sales and profits this year were down on 1985, as a result of the crisis affecting its key pipes and tube division, in turn owing to the problems of the world oil industry.

The group gave no earnings figure, but said that the division had been operating at a loss since April. In 1985 Mannesmann's steel tubes business broke even, having lost DM 218m (\$106m) in 1984. The group as a whole reported a balance sheet profit of DM 141m for last year.

New tube and pipe orders booked in the first six months were 30 per cent fewer than in the comparable period of 1985, meaning that total orders in hand at June 30 had fallen by 40 per cent from last year.

Two Danish banks lift operating earnings

By Hilary Barnes in Copenhagen

TWO OF Denmark's biggest banks, Danske Bank and Privatbanken, have achieved improvements in first-half operating earnings, but net profits were adversely affected by unrealised losses on the value of the securities portfolios, reflecting a fall in bond prices in Copenhagen.

Finland issues \$100m Eurobond

By Clare Pearson

FINLAND borrowed \$100m of 10-year fixed rate dollar funds yesterday, but otherwise Euro-dollar new issuing activity was subdued in the wake of Wednesday night's 1 point cut in the US discount rate.

Meanwhile Philip Morris, which has a strong appeal for retail investors in Europe, launched a \$100m 8 1/2 per cent 3 1/2-year bond, priced at 100 1/2 and yielding about 57 basis points over Canadian Government bonds.

The sterling market saw its second new issue in two days as gilt prices opened firmer. Barclays de Zoete Wedd issued a \$50m five-year deal for Dresdner Bank. The bond has a 9 1/2 per cent coupon and price of 100 1/2.

Deutsche Bank also launched an expected issue of 250,000 warrants into a 6 per cent 10-year bond. The warrants are exercisable at DM 25 for a DM 1,000 bond during a one-year period.

Steep fall in net income at Arabian Oil

By Yoko Shibata in Tokyo

ARABIAN OIL, the Japanese oil producer which operates in the neutral zone between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, suffered an 82.6 per cent slide in first-half pre-tax profits to ¥113.79bn (\$129m) from ¥113.79bn.

Increased stake in MLC boosts Lend Lease result

By Robert Kennedy in Sydney

LEND LEASE, the Australian property developer, benefited from its increased investment in MLC, the financial services group, aiding a 44 per cent net profit increase from A\$52.2m (US\$32m) to A\$75.1m in the year to June.

The MLC contribution jumped from A\$8.4m to A\$24.5m. Lend Lease lifted its holding from 49 per cent to full control during the year. Without MLC, Lend Lease would have achieved a profit increase of about 16 per cent.

Gambro 11.6% ahead at halfway stage

By Sara Webb in Stockholm

GAMBRO, the Swedish manufacturer of kidney dialysis equipment, reported an 11.6 per cent increase in half-year profits—after financial items— from SKr 44.1m to SKr 49.2m (\$7.15m).

Liffe details proposals for link with Sydney exchange

By Peter Montagnon, Euromarkets Correspondent

THE London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) yesterday announced formal details of its plan for trading links with the Sydney Futures Exchange starting in October, its first such exercise with an overseas exchange.

Malaysia fears allayed by \$350m Euroloan launch

By our Euromarkets Correspondent

MALAYSIA HAS launched a \$350m 10-year loan in the Euro-markets, which bankers say should finally lay to rest fears that surfaced earlier this year about its ability to service its \$16.7bn foreign debt.

Another reverse for ERA

By our Sydney Correspondent

ENERGY RESOURCES OF Australia, the country's uranium producer, has incurred its second successive annual profit fall as a result of uranium pricing arrangements.

FT International Bond Service

Listed are the 200 latest international bonds for which there is an adequate secondary market. Closing prices on August 21

Table with columns for Bond Name, Issued, Maturity, Coupon, Yield, and Price. Includes sections for US Dollar, Swiss Franc, and Yen.

Creditanstalt Bankverein to issue 'flexi-bond'

By Patrick Blum in Vienna

Creditanstalt Bankverein, Austria's largest bank, will issue a Sch 500m (\$35m) "flexi-bond" later this month to help raise its capital ratio in accordance with requirements under a new banking law, the bank said yesterday.

Tetterode plans rights issue

By our Financial Staff

BUEHRMANN-TETTERODE, the Dutch paper, printing and packaging group, plans a rights issue and share split after reporting an 80 per cent increase in consolidated net profits, to Fl 32.3m (\$14m) from Fl 18m, in the first six months of this year.

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Table of equity prices with columns for issue, price, and change. Includes sub-sections for 'RIGHTS' OFFERS and FIXED INTEREST STOCKS.

AUTHORISED UNIT TRUSTS

Table of authorised unit trusts listing names, managers, and performance metrics.

FT UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table of unit trust information service details, including names, managers, and performance data.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-28. Clues include: 1 He helps the man inside as it's moving (9), 2 Torn pieces, found in a hack street, freed carelessly (7), etc.

Solution to Puzzle No. 6105. 1 Intended to help myself on going inside (5), 2 Stands dancing, only to rock (3), etc.

AUTHORISED UNIT TRUSTS & INSURANCES

Main table listing various financial products, companies, and their details. Includes columns for company names, product names, and numerical values.

INSURANCES

Sub-table listing insurance-related products and companies, including details like 'AA Friendly Society' and 'Abney Life Assurance Co Ltd'.

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INSURANCE, OVERSEAS & MONEY FUNDS

Table listing various insurance and financial services, including company names and brief descriptions.

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Money Market Trust Funds

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3-month call rates

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A selection of Options traded in the London Stock Exchange Report Page

CURRENCIES, MONEY and CAPITAL MARKETS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Dollar awaits a reaction

THE DOLLAR hovered around the day's lows yesterday, awaiting reaction to a cut in the US discount rate to 5 1/2 per cent. The reduction itself had been expected although the timing was a bit of a surprise. The fact that the US authorities did not wait until the beginning of next month tended to suggest an increased urgency in their desire to boost US economic growth and avoid any of the potential banking problems associated with debt repayments.

£ IN NEW YORK

Table with columns: Aug 21, Lastest, Prev. close. Row: Spot, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months.

STERLING

STERLING - Trading range against the dollar in 1986 is 1.6683 to 1.7070. July average 1.6828. Exchange rate index 71.7 against 71.7 at the opening and 71.9 on Wednesday. The six month average is 74.5.

The foreign exchange market expects some corrective action by the Danish central bank while officials stress the Government's determination to avoid a krona devaluation at all costs.

FINANCIAL FUTURES

Narrow range

TRADING WAS confined to a relatively narrow range in the London International Financial Futures Exchange yesterday. Initial reaction to Wednesday night's announcement of a half point cut in the US discount rate to 5 1/2 per cent was to take profits since it had been the timing not the direction of a move in rates that had been open to debate.

Table with columns: Strike, Call, Put, Last. Rows: 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130.

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prices opened at 102-83 up from 101-92 before coming back to close near to the day's high of 102-11 at 102-10. Euro-dollar prices managed to show an improvement, finishing at 94.07 at the opening and 93.95 on Wednesday.

Table with columns: Strike, Call, Put, Last. Rows: 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108.

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POUND SPOT - FORWARD AGAINST POUND

Table with columns: Aug 21, Day's spread, Close, One month, % Three months, % Six months.

CURRENCY MOVEMENTS

Table with columns: Aug 21, Bank of England, Morgan Stanley, % Change.

DOLLAR SPOT - FORWARD AGAINST DOLLAR

Table with columns: Aug 21, Day's spread, Close, One month, % Three months, % Six months.

CURRENCY FUTURES

Table with columns: Aug 21, Bank of England, Morgan Stanley, % Change.

EXCHANGE CROSS RATES

Table with columns: Aug 21, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000.

OTHER CURRENCIES

Table with columns: Aug 21, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000.

EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES

Table with columns: August 21, Short term, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months.

STERLING INDEX

Table with columns: Aug 21, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990.

EMS EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNIT RATES

Table with columns: Aug 21, Currency unit, % change, Divergence.

MONEY MARKETS

London rates ease on US rate cut

INTEREST RATES were a little easier in London yesterday in response to a half-point cut in the US discount rate. However, there was little sign of a reaction to the US authorities' move on the part of the UK market.

NEW YORK RATES

Table with columns: August 21, One month, Two months, Three months, Six months, 12 months.

UK clearing bank base lending rate 10 per cent since May 22

UK clearing bank base lending rate 10 per cent since May 22. The rate was maintained at 10 per cent from May 22 to August 22.

FT LONDON INTERBANK FIXING

Table with columns: Three months US dollars, Six months US dollars.

LONDON MONEY RATES

Table with columns: August 21, Over night, 7 days, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months.

Company Notices

MHANGURA COPPER MINES LIMITED. Summary of the audited operating and financial results for the year ended 30 June 1986 with comparative results for the three months ended 30 June 1985.

BHP Notice of Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited will be held in the Great Hall, The Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne Street, Melbourne, Australia, at Carlton on Tuesday 23rd September 1986 at 2.30 pm.

WORLD VALUE OF THE DOLLAR

Table showing the value of the dollar against various currencies. Columns: COUNTRY, CURRENCY, VALUE OF DOLLAR.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table of British Funds with columns for Stock, Price, and % Change. Includes sub-sections for 'Shorts' (Lives up to Five Years), 'Five to Fifteen Years', and 'Over Fifteen Years'.

AMERICANS - Cont.

Table of American Stocks with columns for Stock, Price, and % Change. Includes sub-sections for 'CANADIANS', 'BANKS, HP & LEASING', 'CORPORATION LOANS', 'COMMONWEALTH & AFRICAN', 'LOANS', 'Public Board and Ind.', 'Financial', and 'FOREIGN BONDS & RAILS'.

LONDON SHARE SERVICE

BUILDING, TIMBER, ROADS - Cont.

Table of Building, Timber, and Roads stocks with columns for Stock, Price, and % Change.

DRAPERY & STORES - Cont.

Table of Drapery and Stores stocks with columns for Stock, Price, and % Change.

ENGINEERING - Continued

Table of Engineering stocks with columns for Stock, Price, and % Change.

INDUSTRIALS - Continued

Table of Industrial stocks with columns for Stock, Price, and % Change.

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INDUSTRIALS - Continued. Table listing various industrial stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other financial metrics.

LEISURE - Continued. Table listing leisure-related stocks such as hotels and resorts.

PROPERTY - Continued. Table listing real estate and property-related stocks.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS - Cont. Table listing various investment trusts and funds.

FINANCE, LAND - Cont. Table listing financial and land-related stocks.

MINES - Continued. Table listing mining stocks from various regions.

PLANTATIONS - Table listing plantation stocks.

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NOTES. A section containing various notices, market updates, and information regarding stock prices and company announcements.

REGIONAL & IRISH STOCKS. A section listing stocks from different regional markets and Ireland.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Interest rate optimism soon quashed by the Bank of England

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A strong initial response to the US discount rate cut was quashed early yesterday when the Bank of England signalled to London financial markets that hopes of an immediate reduction in UK interest rates were premature.

The Federal Reserve Board's decision late the previous day to lower the discount rate to a nine-year low of 5 1/2 per cent surprised London traders. It immediately aroused hopes that West Germany would follow, and exert further pressure for a reduction in the high level of UK rates.

The Dow Jones index went higher at first but soon shed the gain. London seemed disappointed although it was assumed that Wall Street had probably discounted the interest rate move via its 18-point rise on Wednesday.

The effects on the gilt-edged market were even more muted. Following two sessions of rising values, investors resigned themselves to await positive domestic developments, while professional operators were considering new funding initiatives.

Goode Durrant up again
Goode Durrant and Murray continued to reflect speculation surrounding Imperial Pacific's 20 per cent stake in the company and touched a new peak of 143p before closing at 140p.

325p and Union added 13 at 643p, while Provident Financial put on 15 at 340p. Lloyds Broker C. E. Heath came on offer and fell 18 to a new low of 475p on concern about its Australian interests in the wake of a new law recently imposed "downside" which brings workers compensation insurance under state control.

Elsewhere, Composites reacted from a first start, Sun Alliance, scheduled to reveal interim results on September 8, chopped a couple of pence to 600p, after 698p. G&E, also due to report on September 1, closed a penny off at 836p, after 845p. Commerical Union ended 5 off at 302p and General Accident dipped 6 at 835p.

Breweries lacked a decided trend. Guinness, virtually unaffected by the Monopolies Commission probe into the tied-house system, attracted revived support and rose to 343p before setting 3 up to a midday at 340p. However, it then fell to 335p following the uninspiring tenor of the chairman's statement at the annual meeting.

Helped by the prospect of lower interest rates, Buildings encountered selective demand. Tarmac was favoured at 472p, 10p along with Cowi. 6 to the good at 565p. Barratt Developments improved 4 to 144p, while J. Jarvis rallied 30 to 425p on the recovery in annual profits. Atwoods remained in demand at 188p, up 8, following the fact of forthcoming presentations of the company in the US. Tay Homes, in the London after-hours trade, the tone came to falter and drop from a high point of 1279.5 to end a net 1.3 lower at 1287.1.

MK feature
MK were outstanding among Electrics, jumping 20 to 368p on revived takeover speculation. Computer shares, meanwhile, gained ground, with Allan's 30p to 265p after comment on the interim results. Acord added 6 at 48p and MTT Computing appreciated 15 at 230p. IBL, 12p higher at 88p, led on speculation of a bid for Dunhill, 11 up at 525p.

FINANCIAL TIMES STOCK INDICES
Table with columns for Government Sec, Financial Invest, Ordinary V, Gold Mines, Ord. Div. Yield, etc. Includes sub-tables for S.E. ACTIVITY and Indices.

Day's High 1279.5, Day's Low 1267.1, Day's Opening 1276.8, etc.

LONDON REPORT AND LATEST SHARE INDEX: TEL. 01-246 8026

annual deficit. Apart from BIOC, which hardened a couple of pence to 270p, the leaders drifted lower for want of support.

TI featured Engineers, rising 2 1/2 to 496p on suggestions that Evered is planning to head a consortium bid for the company. Evered gained 4 to 216p. Thomas Robinson responded to the recovery in the annual profits by rising 10 to 360p, while Howden gained 10 1/2p to 390p, following the fact of a letter of intent to make the initial twin boring machines for the Channel Tunnel project.

Queens Most hardened a fraction to 75p in response to the good interim figures, but Carfunk's share price gradually edged up an early firm level of 135p and closed a net 3 easier on balance at 132p after the half-year results. Grand Metropolitan softened 2 to 378p at did TRF to 150p.

Boots easier
Leading miscellaneous industrial shares opened higher, but gradually drifted to close a little altered on the day. Boots, however, still unsettled by the proposed US acquisition, met

Second-liners provided an outstanding feature in Century which raced up to 139p prior to closing a net 11 firmer at 187p, reflecting rumours of an imminent takeover by a leading bull market from a leading broker, and revived takeover speculation. IC Gas, also the subject of bid rumours, edged up 3 to equal the year's high of 440p.

The latest strong showing by precious metal prices — especially platinum which topped \$570 an ounce during the late afternoon — prompted by South African mining issues, to a lesser extent, Australian gold.

Platinum provided the day's outstanding stock in Rustenburg which raced up to 740p during early dealings following substantial Johannesburg support before reacting to end the day at 685p. A report that the South African Government survey of the area in which Rustenburg operates indicated substantial new platinum reserves was said to have triggered the Johannesburg buying. Other Platinites fared less well with Impala, which recently unveiled disappointing annual results, 50 lower at 590p.

Gold extended Wednesday's good gains. Widespread buying interest and a stock shortage produced rises of up to a point in heavyweights such as Vaal Reef, 20p. Cheaper priced stocks showed Elandsdorp 25 higher at 354p and Welkom 18 firmer at 392p. The Gold Mines index added 4 1/2 to 226.9 — a two-day gain of 7.5 — while bullion was finally 52.25 to the good at \$383.25 an ounce.

Among South African Financials, a substantial shareholder in Rustenburg, rose a point to 281p, but Anglo American Corporation attracted good support to close 25 up at 750p. De Beers was a nervous market and eased a fraction to 415p, but Genbel moved up 12 to 537p ahead of the sharply increased preliminary profits and dividend.

Australian Golds rallied in overnight domestic markets and continued to gain ground in London. The FT index for the group advanced 20 to 300p for the same reason. Asda put on 10 to 345p and Priest Marquis appreciated a fraction to 260p. Esprit, a Trust improved a couple of pence to 50p as did Key City to 40p. Berkeley and Hay Hill hardened a fraction more to 15p. Parkdale advanced 20p on further consideration of the acquisition of nine freehold shops in York from British Land for £196m cash, before reacting on profit-taking to finish unaltered at 30p. Among the leaders, Land Securities closed at the overnight level of 234p, but MEPC edged forward 3 to 339p.

Dawson International fell 13 more to 240p — a decline of 16 so far — as the shares of a broker's adverse circular in the offering. John Crowther, on the other hand, continued to gain ground in the wake of a recommendation to buy the shares. He advanced 10 to 260p, and Bevan to close another 3 to the good at 165p; the interim results are scheduled for September 16. Elsewhere in Textiles, Press comment that Parkman "A" 4 to 145p, but profit-taking led Victoria Carpet 10 cheaper at 113p.

Good demand for Oils
Revived American buying and a further improvement in crude oil spot markets prompted another round of widespread gains in the leading oils, many of which moved up to their best levels this year. In the oil group, BP and Shell led the sector higher with the latter closing 17 up at a 1986 high of 888p. BP ended the session 10 to the good at 839p, after 828p. Shell added 6 at 132p amid talk of a stock shortage, while rises of around 3 were common to British, 133p, and LASMO, 123p.

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